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1. The Soviet Ambassador to East Germany, G.M. Pushkin, was asked on 8 February 1952 by Foreign Minister Georg Dertinger for permission to include in a forthcoming speech a rebuttal of West German Chancellor Adenauer's assertion that the military forces in East Germany are a threat to the security of the Federal Republic. After some hesitation, Pushkin replied, "Please do not include that; it would be better to avoid the subject. Everyone in East Germany knows that we have 30 divisions here, besides the very strong German police force, and this would lead the western press to renew its attacks on us in this connection. Incidentally, Adenauer miscounted -- we have not 22 but 30 divisions."
2. On or about the same date Pushkin told Dertinger: "We assume that the West will reject Grotewohl's latest proposal for a peace treaty, but we want to show who is for peace. We shall wait until Bonn has signed the General Agreement, and if a bloodless revolution does not come about, we shall make a peace treaty with the German Democratic Republic. However, the treaty is not imminent; months will go by before it is concluded. Afterwards our troops will be described as security troops."
3. Dertinger first heard of the peace-treaty proposal half an hour before it was made public.
4. The "National Council" is still engaged in a large-scale letter-writing campaign, sending ostensibly private letters to West Germans with propaganda in favor of the East German draft of an all-German election law.
5. The National Democratic Party of Brandenburg plans to stage a party convention at Potsdam in March, in conjunction with a grandiose sports festival. It is hoped that many athletes from West Germany will attend.
6. Gerhard Desczyk, a leading CDU functionary, informed Dertinger on 2 February that 50,000 members of the CDU have left the Society for Soviet-German Friendship since the appearance of an article attacking the Pope in the December issue of the Soviet sponsored review Neue Sowjetische Literatur.

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